

Patent Claims

1. A method for producing a ring traveler (10) for ring spinning or ring twisting machines, which has a core (20) consisting of iron material, wherein the core (20) or parts thereof are subjected to a nitriding treatment, during which heat energy and a nitriding agent as active medium are supplied to the core (20).
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2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core (20) is heated to a temperature in the range of 450°C - 600°C, preferably to a temperature close to 550°C.
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3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the core (20) is maintained in said temperature range for 3 - 60 hours, preferably for about 24 hours.
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4. The method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the nitriding agent is supplied in the form of a gas preferably consisting of NH₃ and N₂ components, a nitrogen-enriched liquid or a nitrogen-enriched plasma.
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5. The method as claimed in claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the active medium has, in addition to the nitrogen components, sulfur components and/or carbon components.
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6. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 - 5, wherein the core (20) is polished before and/or after the nitriding treatment and/or is oxidized after the nitriding treatment.
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7. A ring traveler (10) for ring spinning or ring twisting machines, with a core (20) consisting of iron material, wherein at least one mechanically stressed part of the core (20), in particular the running surface for the thread and/or the surface running on the ring, has a nitrided edge layer (23; 24).
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8. A ring traveler (10) as claimed in claim 7, wherein the edge layer (23; 24) consists of a connecting layer (23) without an additional diffusion layer (24), of a connecting layer (23) with an additional diffusion layer (24) or only of a diffusion layer (24).
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9. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in claim 8, wherein the connecting layer (23) has a thickness of 0.1 μm - 30 μm and the diffusion layer (24) a thickness of 1 μm - 2000 μm , preferably a connecting layer (23) 5 with a thickness of 8 μm - 12 μm and a diffusion layer (24) with a thickness of 100 μm - 200 μm being provided.

10. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein the connecting layer (23), if appropriate 10 also the diffusion layer (24), contain sulfur components and/or carbon components.

11. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in one of claims 7 - 10, wherein the surface (22) of the core (20) is polished and/or is provided with an oxide 15 layer.

12. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in one of claims 7 - 11, wherein the surface (22) of the core (20) is black, blue, yellow or white, preferably shiny.

13. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in one of claims 7 - 12, wherein the basic material (21) of the core (20) is a heat-treated and/or an unalloyed or low-alloy steel, preferably a nitriding steel.

14. The ring traveler (10) as claimed in claim 13, wherein the basic material (21) of the core (20) 25 preferably contains nitride-forming elements, such as chromium, vanadium, aluminum, molybdenum, manganese and/or nickel.